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SUBJECT: THESSALONIKI PORT/ETHYL HELLAS PROBLEMS CONTINUE

REF: THESSALONIKI 0545 AND PREVIOUS

1. THE EFFORTS OF THE MINISTRY OF NORTHERN GREECE, WITH THE BELATED COOPERATION OF THE THESSALONIKI PORT ORGANIZATION, TO GET PIER 5 BACK IN FULL OPERATION ARE NOW THREATENED BY THE CRANE OPERATORS, WHO REFUSE TO WORK ON PIER 5 BECAUSE OF THE ALLEGED HEALTH HAZARD CREATED BY THE ETHYL STORAGE FACILITIES. MEANWHILE, ETHYL CONTINUES TO OPERATE ITS FACILITIES ON THE PIER WITH ITS OWN EMPLOYEES, BUT THE OTHER PORT WORKERS WHO WERE WILLING TO WORK ON THE REST OF THE PIER MAY FOLLOW CRANE OPERATORS' LEAD AND ALSO REFUSE TO WORK.

2. THE ISSUE ALMOST TOOK A VIOLENT TURN SEPTEMBER 16 WHEN PROFESSOR EDIPIDES, LEADER OF THE UNIVERSITY TEAM MEASURING ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION IN THE PORT, MET WITH THE CRANE OPERATORS TO ASSURE THEM OF THE ABSENCE OF LEAD POLLUTION. DESPITE HIS ASSURANCES, THE WORKERS BECAME ABUSIVE AND ONE THREATENED TO SHOOT EDIPIDES IF HE BECAME ILL. EDIPIDES PRUDENTLY LEFT THE MEETING AND REPORTED HIS PROBLEMS TO

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MINISTER OF NORTHERN GREECE MARTIS, WHO CALLED ON PORT AUTHORITIES TO RESOLVE THE ISSUE. PORT AUTHORITIES THEN REISSUED THEIR PRIOR ASSURANCES THAT NO HEALTH HAZARDS EXIST AND CALLED WORKERS BACK TO WORK, A CALL WHICH THE CRANE OPERATORS CONTINUE TO IGNORE.

3. THE BOARD OF THE PORT ORGANIZATION ALSO MET EVENING OF SEPTEMBER 17 AND DECIDED TO ASK THE ADVICE OF THE THESSALONIKI HEALTH DIRECTORATE AND THE MINISTRIES OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY ON HEALTH ASSURANCES FOR THE WORKERS. UNTIL THESE ARE RECEIVED, IT IS UNLIKELY THAT CRANE OPERATORS WILL WORK PIER 5.
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